

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

Paine Confesses.

New York, May 8.—The Post publishes a letter from R. M. Blatchford to C. A. Seward, in which the writer says, after referring to the improved condition of Secretary Seward, and his son, that Paine, the assassin, has fully confessed his crime, and all the details respecting it, and the difficulties he encountered, he says that all the plans of that Friday night not being carried out, was the greatest failure that ever was known.

RELEASE OF EX GOVERNOR AIKEN.

A special to the New York Post, from Washington, says:

The President has ordered that ex-Governor Aiken, of South Carolina, shall no longer be considered under arrest. It is understood that there was no just cause for his arrest by the Military authorities in South Carolina.

The Post says: Collector Dorzheimer, of the Thirtieth District, has seized, in this city, 1,000 barrels high wine, and 1,200 barrels alcohol, on the ground of fraudulent sales, under the internal revenue law. The manufacturers are Rhomberg & Co., of Dubuque, Iowa, whose distillery is now in possession of the authorities.

Halleck's Orders.

The Richmond Whig of the 6th, contains an order from General Halleck, that after the 20th, all persons found in arms against the United States, in Virginia and South Carolina, will be treated as robbers and outlaws. Persons assisting in organizing guerrilla bands, and continuing hostilities against the United States, will be tried by Military Commission, and be subject to death. Military officers are to preserve order, and reconcile differences between freedmen and their masters. Freedmen are obliged to work, but may select their own employers. For minors not cared for by parents, the apprentice system is to be introduced.

The Herald's Key West correspondence, dated May 1st, gives a rumor that the rebel ram, Stonewall, from Lisbon, was off the Florida coast.

A special to the New York Herald from Washington, 8th, says: Lieutenant M. B. Ruggles, of Mosby's guerrillas, and Lieutenant A. R. Bainbridge, of the rebel army, and Dr. Stewart, to whose house Booth wanted to be taken, have been arrested on the ground of having information concerning the assassination.

TRIAL OF BENJAMIN G. HARRIS, OF MARYLAND.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—The trial of Benj. G. Harris, member of Congress of Southern Maryland, was resumed to-day at eleven o'clock, before the Court Martial, of which Major General Foster was President, especially organized for the purpose of which Major General Wm. W. Winthrop's Judge Advocate. The court having been called to order by the President, the accused read the following paper, which he asked the court to file:

Mr. President of the Commission:

The undersigned respectfully states to the Commission here, that he has been advised by his counsel, since the commencement of the trial, since he plead to the charge and specifications, that he ought to have made a formal exception to the jurisdiction of this tribunal to take cognizance of the charge made against him, and which he has been required to answer here, and he respectfully further suggests that whilst he could hardly hope by any views he might be able to present in support of this suggestion, to induce this honorable Court to sustain the same, in the teeth of the various decisions in support of the jurisdiction of similar tribunals, in like case, and to which decisions, in support of the jurisdiction, in similar tribunals, would naturally accord the highest and indeed controlling respect, yet he is advised that the suggestion of want of jurisdiction made at any time, in any manner, however informal will for ulterior purposes be equally available as if the same had been made by a formal plea of some other apt mode. The undersigned, therefore, respectfully asks the benefit of the exception, which he desires to be made part of the record, taken by him, to the jurisdiction of this tribunal. The undersigned respectfully further state that he has been advised, and that he respectfully suggests that the two specifications to the charge against him, nor does either of them, show an offense embraced within either clause of the fifty-sixth article of war. Such facts are alleged as would be liable, if proved, amount to such offense, or any such offense, as is made punishable by, or under said article, and he hopes that he may have all the benefit of all exceptions to said specifications, as if he had, in effect demurred to the same and each of them respectively. The undersigned does not ask the commission, at this stage of the trial, to be heard in support of these exceptions, but respectfully asks that this paper may be received and made a part of the proceedings of the cause, to avail herself in such manner as justice and right may require.

[Signed] BENJ. G. HARRIS.

The Judge Advocate said he had no objection to the receipt of the paper, and it was accordingly filed. Mr. Gram, counsel for the defense, demurred to the specifications, remarking that no particular house was named therein, in which the accused was charged with harboring the men. Mr. Gram, however deferred pressing the point at the present time.

The accused then offered as evidence General Orders No. 72 of the War Department, giving transportation to rebels and others to their homes. Mr. Harris stated his witness had not arrived, but it was important that they should be here. They would probably arrive to-day. But they had some sixty miles to travel. He would ask the Court to grant him further time. The Judge Advocate remarked he would have no objection to adjourning the Court until tomorrow, if the accused would make his proper affidavit, relative to the witnesses. The accused having filed the proper affidavit, the Court adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow.

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